Allahabad High Courts have been made by the Government preliminary to their transfer to outside High Courts.

(c) Does not arise.

Vacancies of High Court Judges in Karnataka

687. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister Law and JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) how many vacancies of High Court Judges are still kept unfilled in Karnataka; and

(b) what are the reasons for not filling those vacancies in time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) There are 3 vacancies in the Karnataka High Court against the sanctioned strength of 24 Judges. It has been decided in principle to creates 6 new posts of Judges/Additional Judges. The vacancy of Chief Justice would be filled in shortly. The matter of appointment other Judges is engaging the due attention of the Government of India.

Industries in Pondicherry

688. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how many large scale industries have been earmarked in the Seventh Five Yer Plan for the Union Territory of Pondicherry;

(b) for how many industries in the large scale sector 'Letter of Intent' has already been issued by the Central Government; and

(c) how many industries have started production so for?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) An outlay of Rs. 309 lakhs has been aproved for large and medium industries in the Union Territory of Pondicherry during the Seventh Five Year Plan.

(b) and (c) Under the provisions of Industries (Development & Regulation) Act, a total of 29 letters of intent were issued during the years 1984 to 1986 (upto June) for setting up of industries in the Union Territory of Pondicherry. 5 of these letters of intent have already been converted into industrial licences and 1 letter of intent has since been treated as lapsed.

A letter of intent is isssued with an initial validity period of one year and further extensions can also be granted on adequate justification. After the entrepreneur fulfils the conditions of the letter of intent, the same is converted into an industrial licence. The initial validity period of an industrial ilcence is two years within which the entrepreneur concerned is required to start commercial production. The validity period of an industrial licence can, however, be extended even beyond 2 years on justifiable grounds. It, therefore, takes about 3 to 4 years for an industrial project to fructify. Actual gescation period, however varies from project to project.

Missing of Confidential ONGC Papers.

689. SHRI J. P. GOYAL:
SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA:
SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain confidential ONGC papers pertaining to the drilling and other important operations in the country were recently found mising under mysterious circumstances; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what steps have been taken by Government to locate the papers